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Anniversary Cake from our Holiday Party

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## Program for January 4th

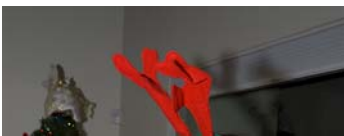
### 2007 Dive Program

The trip leaders for the 2007 Overseas Dives will present overviews of the trips and answer questions about them.

Bring your checkbooks and sign up for one or more of the trips, because if you miss 'em, you'll miss 'em!!

Ray McAllister  
VP of Programs  
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## President's Waves



December 2nd and 3rd saw us at The Florida Dive Show. Thank you to those who helped with our booth; Mary and Larry L, Ray M, Judy T, Chary L, Ken S, Julie and Russ M, Clare A, Nils J, Linda C and Marilyn V. Ann Dupont and Rob Myers helped, too, manning the booth and doing



book signings. Please forgive me if I fail to mention anyone. We met many prospective members and look forward to them joining us for future meetings and hopefully becoming part of our club.

At the December meeting on the 7th we had a surprise guest...Elvis was in the building! No one looked too blue as the dance floor filled and he serenaded us with songs such as Blue Suede Shoes and Blue Christmas. We had a fun "lobster pot" raffle with lots of prizes. Kim surprised us with not only the visit from Elvis, but with appetizers as members and guests were arriving and a beautiful cake that was wheeled in later to celebrate Under Sea Adventurers' 35th anniversary and the holidays.

The elections for the 7 board positions were held and the slate of proposed nominees was accepted as read:

**President: Glada Blench**

**VP of Programs: Ray McAllister and Larry LePage**

**VP of Social: we are still looking for someone to fill this position**

**VP of Over Seas Diving: Nils Jacobsen**

**VP of Local Diving: Larry Baum**

**Secretary: Robert Shearer**

**Treasurer: Judy Townsend**

Thank you to those who served on the board this past year:

**President: Mary LePage**

**VP of Programs: Ray McAllister**

**VP of Social: Kim Whaley**

**VP of Over Seas Diving: Nils Jacobsen**

**VP of Local Diving: Glada Blench**

**Secretary: Linda Caldwell**

**Treasurer: Judy Townsend**

Mary, thank you for your dedicated service as president to the club for these past years and thank you for your support as I step into this position. I know with those whose names appear above, the others that lend their time and efforts, everyone who participates in meetings, dives and events, along with the entire membership, we will have a successful and enjoyable year 36.

Larry Baum has been elected (back by popular demand) and accepted the charge of VP of Local Diving. Showing his enthusiasm we have already received two emails from him, one being the announcement of the first official dive of the 2007 "diving season". You will find information on that dive elsewhere in this newsletter.

Kim Whaley has decided not seek reelection after three years of serving us as VP of Social. There have been belly dancers, fire dancers and Elvis, happy hours and parties where we danced the night away. Kim will leave some pretty big fins to fill and some have suggested a committee to do this. We are looking for volunteers!

Nils Jacobsen, our VP of Overseas Diving, and the trip leaders, will be officially presenting the 2007 overseas trips as our program for our January meeting. He treated us to a preview at the Holiday party as to what was ahead for us in 2007 and even into 2008! Bring your check book

and get signed up early, don't get left out!

Don't forget: 2007 Dues are due. Unlike many other things that went up this year our dues remain at \$40 for the year.

The January General Meeting will be on Thursday January 4th at Gallupi's 1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach Florida. Join us for cocktails and dinner, on your own, at 6:00PM with the meeting starting at 7:30PM.

Glada Blench  
President for 2007  
[president@usadiveclub.com](mailto:president@usadiveclub.com)

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## Local Diving

With Larry Baum

Saturday, March 31, 2007  
STARFISH ENTERPRISE  
7:30am show, 8:00am go

Okay, let's get this party started....

The first official Local Club dive of the year will be on Saturday, March 31, 2007 7:30am show, 8:00am go with (drum roll please), Captain Craig Smart, Divemaster Linda, and the STARFISH ENTERPRISE. <http://www.idivestarfish.com/> (Janet would start baking the brownies now, but somehow I don't think they'd stay fresh until then).

You all know the drill, \$47 per diver includes goodies, BUT NOT THE TIP, and if we get 16 Club divers we can have the whole boat for \$600 (\$39.50 per diver)!! Tank rentals are available at \$7 each, air and \$14 each, Nitrox. Of course, please let me know if you'll be needing tanks.

I did not discuss the dive profiles with Craig, but I know he's pretty flexible on where he'll go and I would expect 2 reef dives at the 50' to 75' range. Please let me know if you have any sites you'd propose and I'll get those requests over to Craig asap. For those interested, let's plan on an apres' dive lunch right at the Tiki-Bar. Hopefully this early notification will give everyone the chance to get this dive on their calendars and I'm betting the conditions will be perfect in late March.



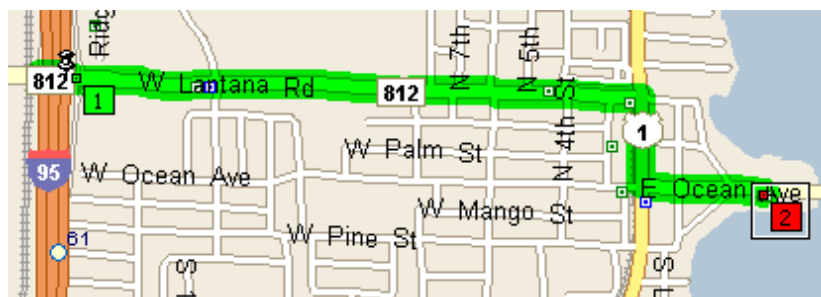
Enroll early and often, invite any guests you'd like to bring along, and send your payment (a check made out to the Club with any coupons you might have) to my address in the club directory.

I know that March 31 seems like a long way off for now, but it'll be here before you know it.

I look forward to getting back in the water with everyone.

The happiest of holidays to you and yours!!

Directions to the Starfish Enterprise: Get off of I-95 at the Lantana Road exit #61, turn east. At Dixie Hwy/US-1 make a right, go to Ocean Avenue, at Ocean Avenue take a left. The boat docks at the Tiki-Bar behind the **Old Key Lime House**.



To join us on this dive please contact me.

Read the review of our November 18th dive on the the web site at [Local Diving](#).

Larry Baum  
VP of Local Diving  
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## Social Activities

### DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING:

**Galuppi's Restaurant**  
**1103 N. Federal Highway**  
**Pompano Beach, FL**  
**@6:00 PM**

VP Social Events  
[social@usadiveclub.com](mailto:social@usadiveclub.com)

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## USA's Overseas Diving

### OVERSEAS DIVING 2006 – 2008

Since I last reported on the success of our 2006 travel program, the Overseas Committee, 15+ people, has been at work, met 3 times; I and a few other members have attended DEMA; many of you (30+) have been so kind to reply to our questionnaire: We are trying to ensure that we offer a diverse and interesting program while only signing the club up for travel arrangements that have enough interest among the membership to be economically healthy. This is like "good news/bad news". When we travel as a group we get predictable company and better terms and conditions. On the other side we have to agree on where to go and we have to decide early, and adhere to time limits for

sign-up to avoid late cancellation penalties for the club. Both for 2007 and 2008 we will try to push the sign-up process forward in time. We need to get rid of the last-minute-club stigma. For 5 of the 6 trips below we do have the option of adding more divers than we have currently contracted for – but only if we sign up early enough while the spots are still open. All the trips have some kind of bonus arrangements, free spots and or group discounts. These benefits will be shared with the members upon return. This year 3 of 4 trips paid out refunds to the traveler on return. Also please remember that all our trips are prices “all inclusive” If you try to compare our prices and don’t see the club benefit, please come see me and I will explain.

In the process of getting the 2007 program together, we planned ahead and now have final plans for the next 18 months: we confirmed a cheap trip to Egypt, September; we pushed one trip, Utila Aggressor into 2008, March, e.g. prime season. We also contracted for Fiji’s most famous, liveaboard, Naia, for May of 2008. This means that the club has laid out 6 deposits hence the need to ask you to make your deposits early...

### **Exotic 2007 & 2008:**

Two years ago we surveyed and Red Sea was the primary candidate. Since I have heard many people express concerns over safety of traveling to Egypt. According to the state department Egypt is safer than say Indonesia and Philippines! And 8.6 million tourists annually agree w/ that ... Egypt also have some else going for it. Egypt is working hard to rebuild its tourism industry and price competitiveness is one of the weapons. The price of diving has come up significantly in the Caribbean area over the last years. Not so in Egypt. The price for the 2007 trip is lower than the price for the prior 1995 trip (there are small difference in the itinerary, but this is a significant difference to the Caribbean liveaboard market, where price often increase \$100/year).

The latest survey we did showed a strong interest for Naia, Fiji. And this is a popular destination ...so naturally we could not book that any earlier than 2008.

Need an idea for a Christmas gift for that special someone? (Or for yourself, because you’re special, aren’t you?).

The normal trip announcements will be at the January meeting, with full presentations. At this time we have included most of the details on this Website. We will take preliminary signups and deposits for 2007 trips at the December meeting. We will open up for 2008 deposits in a few months.

Sign-up forms and payment schedules will be added to the website later, via links, or they will be available in hardcopy at the regular December meeting.

### **Program 2007**

**BVI, Tortola, June 16-23, 2007**

- USA is returning to BVI after 22 years. We found a cozy hotel, Tamarind Club, 5 minutes from the dive shop w/ shuttle. Based on 3 people sharing 2 bedrooms. Diving w/ Sail Caribbean Divers (excellent remarks in Undercurrent) Close to the majority of the Island dive pots. \$1660 w/ 15 dives or \$1540 w/ 10 dives. Non-diver options available.

**St Vincent, Young Island, July 21-29, 2007**

- Added to the program on request. Note 8 nights (the last one is free) 6 days of diving, 3 dives a day; full board, upscale hotel. Diving w/ Bill Tewes (excellent remarks in Undercurrent). Bill is an expert in small stuff. The club will have control over at least one dive boat, but you can choose your kind of diving. \$3000.

**Dry Tortugas, Playmate, August 15-19, 2007**

- An old favorite; 6th year on this boat; 3 ½ days of diving – 6 dives a day. Excellent food \$1350 or \$1450 w/ Nitrox ...

**Red Sea, September 9-25 (11-22), 2007**

- 3 nights in Cairo, 2 (21/2) days of sightseeing, then off to Marsa Alam, Egypt's southern-most terminal for dive boats. We will board the Serenity, liveaboard on 9/13 for a 7 cruise to one of the world's top-10 liveaboard destinations. Diving most likely "Simply Magnificent" or "Simply the Best". This 140 foot boat is the best of the Emperor fleet, and offers free Nitrox. A week later, 9/20, we will transfer to Luxor for an overnight stay. Friday morning we will continue to Aswan and board a Nile cruise boat for a 4 day/3 night Cruise. We will disembark in Luxor, take the night train to Cairo and fly home.
- Included: Air from Ft. Lauderdale, all hotels, excursions, diving, tip, marine park taxes; Nitrox all meals on both boats, \$4070.
- A "boat only" option is available, \$3650 (Sept 11 to Sept 22, w/ 3 nights in Cairo and transfer to and from the boat)

2007 DESTINATIONS	DATE	Dep	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
BVI, Tortola, Tamarind, 15 dives	6/16-6/23	200	365	365	365	365				1660
BVI, Tortola, Tamarind, 10 dives		200	335	335	335	330				1535
BVI, Tortola, Tamarind, non-diver		200	225	225	225	225				1100
St Vincent, Young Island, 18 dives	7/21-7/29	500	500	500	500	500	500			3000
St Vincent, Young Is., 18 dives, no-airfare		500	400	400	400	400	300			2400
Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/Nitrox	8/16-8/19	200	250	250	250	250	250			1450
Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/air		200	230	230	230	230	230			1350
Red Sea, serenity w/ land	9/9-9/25	500	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	4070
Read Sea, Serenity w/ transfers	9/11-9/22	500	450	450	450	450	450	450	435	3635

**To ensure you the highest priority we must receive your payment no later than 1/18/07**

**Please mail your sigup to: Nils Jacobsen, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064-8025**

[Download the signup form.](#)

## Program 2008

Utila Aggressor, Bay Islands, Honduras, March 15-22, 2008

- This is the prime season for whale sharks. We hold 9 of 14 spots on this boat. Non-stop flight from Miami. <http://www.aggressor.com/subpage14.php> Details to follow.

Fiji, Naia Liveaboard, May 17-24, 2008

- We will most likely go to Kadavu, mix of diving - with Mantas – and land excursions in the week preceding Naia. We hold only half a boat and based on the survey we might be able to fill more spots if not the entire boat. Details and signup instructions to follow. <http://www.naia.com.fj>

Please direct any questions to:

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VP Overseas Diving  
[overseasdiving@usadiveclub.com](mailto:overseasdiving@usadiveclub.com)

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## USA Calendar

- **January 4th - Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:30 PM**

- Join us for dinner before the meeting at Galuppi's, 6:00 PM

- **January 11th - Board Meeting at 7:00 PM**

- Linda C's house
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**Birthday greetings in January to the following club members:**

- Deborah K, Larry L, Danny M, & Hank R

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from your friends in diving!!!

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## Contact Info:

Under Sea Adventurers web site: [www.usadiveclub.com](http://www.usadiveclub.com)

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at

## Galuppi's Restaurant

1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL

Social: 7:00 PM, Meeting: 7:30 PM

## Board of Directors

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## Membership Dues - - - \$40 Yearly

Download the Membership Packet from our website.

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